

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **H. 3539**

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| TO:       | The Honorable James H. Harrison, Chairman, House Judiciary Committee |      |         |
| FROM:     | Office of State Budget, Budget and Control Board                     |      |         |
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| AUTHOR:  | Representative Wilkins                 | PRIMARY CODE CITE: | 8-13-770 |
| SUBJECT: | Appellate Defense and Indigent Defense |                    |          |

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ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

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**BILL SUMMARY:**

House Bill 3539 amends the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, by revising the membership and duties of the Indigent Defense Commission to allow that the Appellate Defense be added to the Office of Indigent Defense as a division of the agency. The Bill also repeals Chapter 4, Title 17 relating to the Commission of the Office of Appellate Defense.

**EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:**

The Office of Indigent Defense and the Office of Appellate Defense indicate there will be no fiscal impact on the General Fund of the State, nor on Federal and/or Other Funds. It is assumed by both agencies that the current funding levels would follow Appellate Defense's incorporation to the Office of Indigent Defense.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:**

None.

**SPECIAL NOTES:**

None.

Approved by:



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